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Application No. : 10/796,428
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Group No. : 3651
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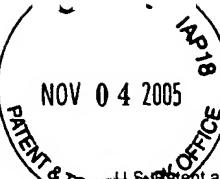
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES	
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Fee (\$)	Small Entity
50	25

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

200	100
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Multiple dependent claims

360	180
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant submits this statement. This submittal is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and § 609 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. The references herein are listed below and on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of the listed foreign references are submitted herewith.

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Date</u>
1,848,874	Fitz Gerald	March 8, 1932
3,041,462	Ogle	June 26, 1962
3,537,091	Schenkenberg	October 27, 1970

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3,828,903	Levasseur	August 13, 1974
3,894,220	Levasseur	July 8, 1975
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3,963,035	Levasseur	June 15, 1976
4,008,792	Levasseur et al.	February 22, 1977
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4,429,778	Levasseur	February 7, 1984
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4,854,477	Kurosawa et al.	August 8, 1989
5,026,983	Meyn	June 25, 1991
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5,218,196	Dogul et al.	June 8, 1993
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5,303,844	Muehlberger	April 19, 1994
5,404,008	Malinowski et al.	April 4, 1995
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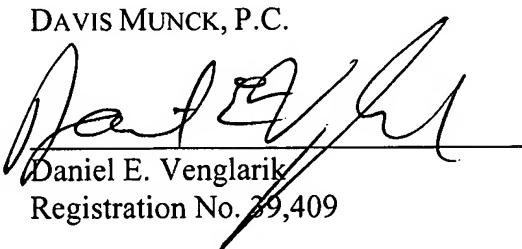
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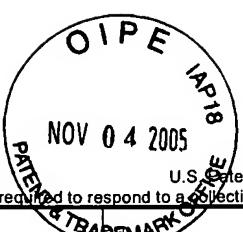
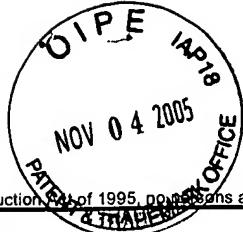


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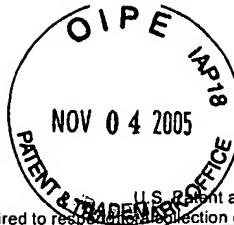
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